



FY 15-16 Grant Application

Purpose of this grant

To provide funding to eligible county level jurisdictions for the purpose of serving all moderate and high risk felony offenders in alternative sentencing placement and to provide evidence based services and supervision in a collaborative manner. Priority is given to those alternative sentences for people with mental illness, addictive disorders, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Target Population to Be Served

This grant funding targets all felony offenders scoring moderate or high risk on the Indiana Risk Assessment System (IRAS) and serving a sentence in alternative placement, who might have otherwise been previously sentenced to the Department of Correction.

Program Targets

The majority of services and programs must be evidence based with emphasis on cognitive-behavioral issues, addictive disorders, mental illness, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder. Please refer to IC 11-12-2-1(d).

Funding Availability

A total \$5M in grant funding is available to eligible entities for FY 15-16. The Department of Correction will make grant awards based on previous award, need, collaboration with community justice partners, focus on targeted population, and use of evidence based practices. Grant awards may be issued in a reduced amount based on the number of applicants and will be added to the county's base award. All grant awards are subject to compliance with reporting and performance requirements.

**Please see the attached document from DMHA for additional funding opportunities that target services administered or coordinated by DMHA certified providers.*

Project Award Period:

This grant amendment period is November 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.



Eligible Entities

County community corrections programs, county probation departments, court recidivism reduction programs, and prosecutor diversion programs, through a collaborative effort, are eligible to apply.

Application Procedures

Eligible applicants must complete the grant amendment application for FY 2016, and have it submitted no later than 9/18/2015. Along with the application; eligible applicants must submit a county collaboration plan as well as any additional required documentation. The application must be reviewed, the needs prioritized, approved, and submitted by the local community corrections advisory board. Only one application per county will be accepted. An approval letter from the local advisory board or county commissioners must accompany the grant application. The Department of Correction will contact the county commissioners of those counties not currently receiving state grant funding regarding funding availability. The application and supporting documentation must be submitted electronically via email to the regional program director. **Failure to fully complete the application process as described above and/or late submissions may result in application being rejected for award period.**

Funding Guidelines

To be considered for and to receive funding, applicants must demonstrate the following:

1. Programs receiving state grant funding must deliver evidence-based services and supervision in a manner consistent with the Principles of Effective Interventions published by the National Institute of Corrections (available at <http://nicic.gov/ThePrinciplesofEffectiveInterventions>).
2. Programs receiving grant funding must ensure services and supervision are being delivered to the target population. Grant funds may supplement, but not supplant existing county programs and/or services currently being funded through county funds.
3. Programs receiving state grant funding will support an evidence based practices organization as described by The Carey Group's "Building and Sustaining and EBP Organization" (available at <http://www.thecareygroupinc.com/documents/Checklist%20Building%20and%20Sustaining%20an%20EBP%20Organization.pdf>).



4. Programs receiving state grant funding will collect and maintain required data for documentary evidence, as required by the Department of Correction, for compliance with community corrections plan, contract, and agency's quality assurance policy. Agencies will be required to submit data, with assistance from the Department of Correction, in a specified format by specific deadline dates.
5. Programs must collect specific data as stated HEA 1006 and send the report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the Advisory Council for the purposes of an annual report. This data includes:
 - The recidivism rate of persons participating in the program or treatment plan, including the recidivism rate (when available):
 - a.) while participating in the program or treatment plan;
 - b.) within six (6) months of completing the program or treatment plan;
 - c.) within one (1) year of completing the program or treatment plan;
 - d.) within two (2) years of completing the program or treatment plan.
 - The overall success and failure rate of a program and treatment plan and the measures used to determine the overall success and failure rate.
 - The number of persons who complete or fail to complete a program or treatment plan, and, for persons who do not complete the plan, the reason that the person did not complete the plan, if available.
 - The number of persons participating in the program or treatment plan and the duration of their participation.
 - The number and percentage of persons able to obtain employment after participating in the plan, the type of employment obtained, the length of time required to obtain employment, and, when available, the number of persons still employed after six (6) months and after one (1) year.
 - Other information relevant to the operation of the program or treatment plan.

**Additional information will be provided regarding definition of terms.*
6. The state awarded funds will be used for one or more of the following purposes:
 - To provide evidence-based services and supervision to the target population.
 - To support established community corrections programs as stated in the grant contract.
 - To increase the capacity of evidence-based services and supervision available to the target population, which are provided by the eligible entities.
 - To fund the salaries of new community corrections and probation staff who will be providing evidence-based services and supervision to the target population.



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